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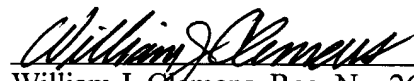
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The relevance of the U.S Patent Nos. 3,619,518, 3,715,526, 3,808,382, 4,726,538, 4,759,560, 5,381,820, 5,666,992, 5,732,733, and 6,273,354 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 2. The remaining references relate in general to air hose and electrical cord reels.

A copy of each of the references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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